

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows. All of the pending claims in this application are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

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1. (Currently Amended) A recording medium comprising a substrate and an ink-receiving layer provided on the substrate, wherein the ink-receiving layer comprises an alumina hydrate having a boehmite structure, an average particle thickness of 2.0 to 6.0 nm and a ~~crystalline~~ crystallite size of 5.0 to 8.0 nm in a direction of a (020) plane, the ~~crystalline~~ crystallite size in the direction of a (020) plane being greater than the average particle thickness by at least 1 nm, and the recording medium has a degree of parallelization of 30 to 1,000.

2. (Not Amended) The recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the degree of parallelization is 50 to 800.

3. (Previously Amended) The recording medium according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the maximum peak in the pore radius distribution of the ink-receiving layer is present within a range of from 5.0 to 10.0 nm, and the pore volume thereof is within a range of from 0.35 to 1.0 cm³/g.

4. (Original) The recording medium according to Claim 1, which has a porous layer on the ink-receiving layer.

5. (Original) The recording medium according to Claim 4, wherein the porous layer comprises silica.

Claims 6-8. (Withdrawn)